

BULLETIN

MISSISSIPPI NORMAL COLLEGE

HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI

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Historical.

This college was founded by act of the Legislature in 1910. This act merely gave permission for such a college to exist, but made no appropriation for it. The same Legislature gave authority to counties and cities to issue bonds to offer as a bonus for the location of the college. Under this permission three progressive communities submitted bids for the location. These were Laurel and Jones County, Jackson and Hinds County, Hattiesburg and Forrest County. The bids ranged in value from \$225,000 to nearly \$300,000. Hattiesburg was awarded the location on a cash bonus of \$250,000, a gift of 840 acres of land and other valuable considerations.

The report of the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Normal College submitted to the Legislature in January, 1912, closed with the following statement:

"We cannot close this report without a special word of appreciation and commendation for the liberal spirit that was shown by the citizens of the three cities and counties that made such magnificent offers for the location of this college, and especially do we wish to express our gratitude and sense of deep obligation to the people of Hattiesburg and Forrest county for their munificent gift. We feel that the people of Mississippi cannot but share our feelings in this matter; and we believe that they will applaud any action of their representatives in giving liberal support to an institution that is so vitally important to our educational system."

In response to the appeal of the trustees the Legislature of 1912 appropriated \$76,500 for equipment of the buildings under construction, and \$50,000 for maintenance up to December 31st, 1913.

With this total investment of a little more than \$325,000 in buildings and equipment (not including the value of the 840 acres of land), and with \$50,000 for salaries and other expenses for this first sixteen months of its operation, the Normal School will open its doors for students on September 18th, 1912. Certainly no other educational institution in this state has ever begun life with such splendid equipment and support and there is every reason to believe that the faith of its founders will be abundantly justified in the success and prosperity of this first teachers' training school for Mississippi.

Faculty. The list of instructors includes some of the ablest and most prominent teachers who have helped to make educational history in this state. There are also several well-equipped educators from other states.

Courses of Study.

The curriculum is planned to suit the needs of: (1) Those who have merely completed the common school branches. (2) Those who have had high school advantages. (3) Those who have begun courses at other colleges. (4) Those who have already had experience as teachers.

Without red tape or arbitrary restrictions, all students will be encouraged to take work which in their judgment and that of the instructors

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will best accord with their preparation and most quickly give them the equipment needed to enable them to make the fullest success as teachers.

It is believed also that the work offered here will give good preparation for other walks of life, or for the further pursuit of knowledge in other colleges.

Entrance Examinations.

These will be as informal as possible. Certificates, report cards, etc. from former schools or teachers, will be given full weight, and, in many cases, will obviate examination. Applicants will be questioned fully as to work completed in other schools, and should bring the textbooks last used. Every effort will be made to relieve students of that feeling of embarrassment so often incident to this work of classification.

The following schedule will be adhered to as closely as possible:

Wednesday, Sept. 18th, 1912.

10 A. M.—Opening Exercises in Auditorium.

12-1 and 2-6 P. M.—Registration in Secretary's office.

2-5 P. M.—Instructors in their rooms for consultations with students.

Thursday, Sept. 19th.

8:30—Opening Exercises.

9-1—Applicants for 1st year report to Science room.

Applicants for 2nd year report to English room.

Applicants for 3rd year report to Mathematics room.

Applicants for 4th year report to History room.

Applicants for 5th year report to Civics room.

Further schedules will be posted in bulletin board on 1st floor of School Building.

All students should be on hand the first day.

Expenses.

All students will pay the annual matriculation fee of \$5.00 on entrance.

All dormitory students will deposit on entrance \$12.00 for application on their board account for the first month. They will also pay at the beginning of the second month, and each month thereafter except the last, such an amount as will keep \$12.00 to their credit in the board account.

As board will be furnished at cost, it will be impossible to know in advance just what this item will be, but judging by the cost in other colleges, it is expected that it will not exceed \$10.00 per month. It is hoped that it may be even less. The board bill each month will cover fuel, light, laundry, etc. as well as table expenses.

Tuition. Those who do not intend to teach (also teachers from other states) will pay tuition at the rate of \$6.00 per term (6 weeks), payable at the beginning of each term.

Books and stationery may be purchased from a book store on the campus, conducted by one of the students. The cost of these will range from \$5.00 to \$10.00.

Car-fare. It will cost ten cents for the round trip each time a student goes into the city to church, Sunday school, or for other purposes.

Music, Etc. Instructors in Piano, Voice, Art, etc., will be employed as the demand necessitates, but pupils who take these subjects will pay special tuition for same.

Medical Attention. No charge will be made for advice and attention of the lady physician in charge of the department of health. In severe cases a physician will be called, at the expense of the student.

Discipline. With the class of students who will attend this college, it is not anticipated that arbitrary rules of conduct will be found necessary. The entire faculty and the matrons have been selected with reference to their influence for good on the morals and manners of the younger students, and no mother need hesitate to place her boy or girl under the care of these men and women.

Health.

The college is located on the highest elevation in or around Hattiesburg, the surface being more than 40 feet higher than that of the city proper, and with the proverbially healthful piney woods air and an abundant supply of pure artesian water, coming from a depth of nearly 400 feet, there is every reason to believe that this campus will prove to be as healthily a spot as can be found in Mississippi. A thoroughly sanitary sewerage system is being installed and all the buildings perfectly screened against both flies and mosquitoes.

The college department of health will be one of the strong features of its curriculum, and will be in charge of thoroughly competent and experienced physicians and nurses; with also, special lecturers.

Moral and Religious Influences. The people of Hattiesburg are justly proud of their reputation as a community of marked religious tendencies and moral atmosphere. There are in the city 4 Baptist, 3 Methodist, 2 Presbyterian, 1 Episcopal, 1 Christian, 1 Catholic, and 1 Congregational churches, with flourishing Sabbath schools in each. These are all open to the Normal College students, and in them there will be found a cordial welcome.

In the college itself, there will be established branches of the Y. M. C. A., and the Y. W. C. A., and it will be the policy of the entire faculty to encourage the development of the highest sense of religious responsibility on the part of the students.

Literary Societies, and a college magazine or periodical will be organized as soon as practicable.

Lectures and Other Lyceum Entertainments will be arranged for. Some of these will be free, others will cost a small admission fee.

Athletics and various forms of organized sport, such as football, basket ball, baseball, tennis, etc., also track contests and other Field Day sports, will be fostered and encouraged.

Corn Clubs, tomato clubs, etc., will be organized. School gardens will be constructed, and scientific agriculture will be taught in the field in the most practical manner possible. This will also include dairying, horticulture, etc.

Student Labor. Students who wish to defray a part of their expenses by working a few hours a day will be employed to do the sweeping, waiting on the table, etc., and, in the case of boys, will be given as much farm and dairy work as they may find time for without interfering with their studies.

Library and Reading Room. The Legislature made an appropriation for books and periodicals and these will be at the service of the students as soon as the selection can be made and the books purchased.

Practice School. There will be a kindergarten and primary practice school, taught by an expert primary teacher. This will serve as an observation school, and also a practice school for the advanced Normal College students. Arrangements will be made for observation work in the graded schools of Hattiesburg, and the rural schools of the county.

Correspondence Course. A plan is being developed by which those who are engaged in teaching may take up work by correspondence, preparatory to that which they will carry forward when they enter for the spring and summer term. In this way much valuable time can be saved for them, and, in many cases, they can shape their work so as to take the certificate or diploma without giving up their winter teaching.

Cottages to Rent.—Efforts are being made to have small cottages built near the college for those who wish to do light house-keeping. In the meantime, rooms and cottages can be secured in the city at reasonable rates.

College Buildings. There are at present five brick buildings on the campus,

besides the dining hall and power house. Three of these buildings—the school building and the two dormitories—are three-story, fire-proof structures of modern design and most complete arrangement and equipment for comfort and convenience. There is absolutely no danger of one of these buildings being burned, and this fact will no doubt be a source of great satisfaction to parents who send their sons and daughters to the Normal College.

Articles to be Furnished by Students.

Each dormitory student should bring from home

- 2 pairs sheets (for single bed.)
- 1 feather pillow.
- 2 pillow cases.
- 1 pair blankets.
- 1 (or more) comforts.
- 2 bed spreads.
- 6 towels.
- 2 pairs sash curtains, plain white lawn, four feet in length.
- 2 clothes bags.

Each article must be marked with owner's name in full. Each article of clothing for laundry must also be so marked.

Pupils may add such other articles of comfort as they wish. It would be well to bring a drinking glass. An umbrella and overshoes will also be needed.

No uniform is required, but each student will be expected to dress with simple and inexpensive taste.

Assignment of Rooms. Students who indicate a preference will be given their choice as far as possible if they register in advance of the opening, but these rooms will not be held for them after the opening day (Sept. 18th). The dormitories will be open on Tuesday, Sept. 17th. Students will not be admitted earlier than this.

Pledge.

The law provides that Mississippi teachers who take a pledge to teach in the public schools of the state for three years, shall be exempt from tuition in this college.

This three years of teaching applies only to those who spend three years or more in the college. Those who remain less than this time will not be required to teach for a greater length of time than that spent in the college. Should a teacher decide not to teach, this pledge may be redeemed at any time by the payment of tuition for the time actually spent in the college. For instance, if a teacher spends two years in the college, then after teaching one year decides not to teach longer, he may be released from his pledge by paying tuition for the second year he attended.

Mail, Etc. Students should have their mail addressed "care Normal College," in which case it will be delivered to them twice each day. A long distance telephone toll station will be located in one of the buildings. Telegrams, express and freight should be addressed to Hattiesburg, care Normal College.

How to Reach the College. Students arriving over the Mississippi Central may have their baggage checked direct to Normal Station, where they will leave the train without going into Hattiesburg. Those coming by G. & S. I., N. O. & N. E., or N. O., M. & C. roads will buy tickets to Hattiesburg and go to the college on street car. Representatives of the college (with Normal College badge) will meet incoming trains, and assist students with baggage, etc. Girls may be sent unaccompanied if parents will notify President on what train they will arrive.

If further information is desired, address,

President Mississippi Normal College,

Hattiesburg, Mississippi.